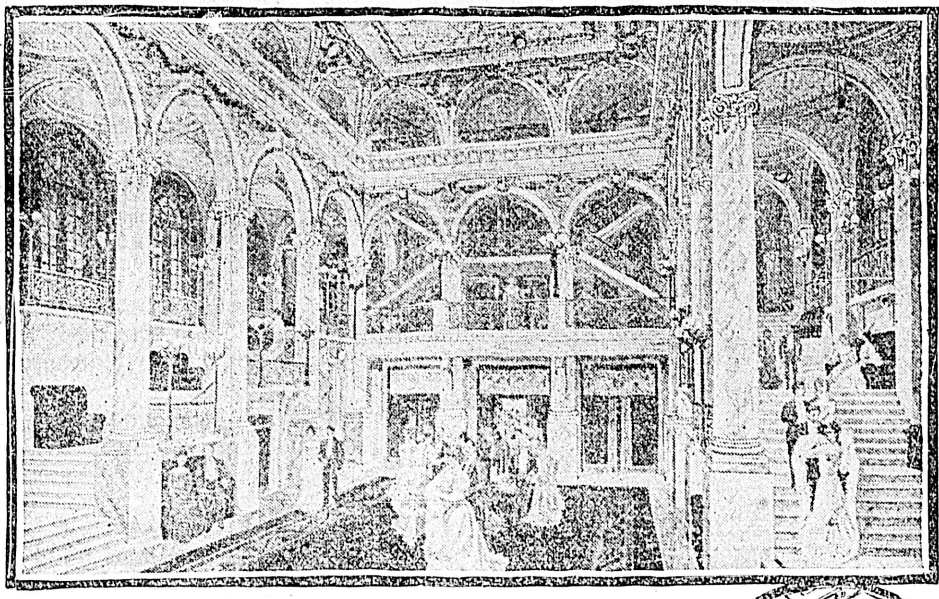


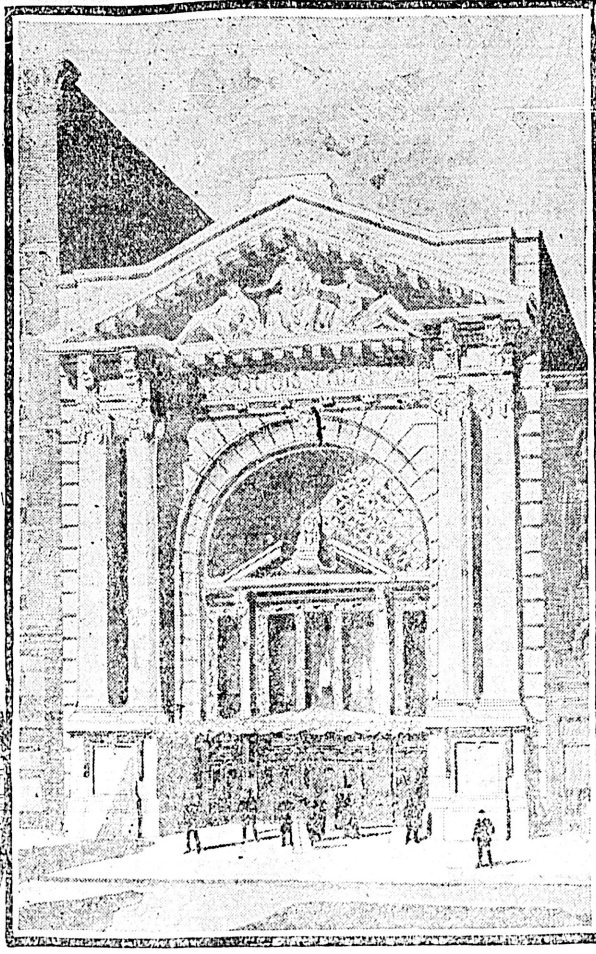
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The jury had been discharged, the court denied a motion for a new trial, and reserved decision on a motion for a stay of proceedings pending an appeal. Judge Thomas told the counsel they might agree upon a day of sentence. He said: "I wish I could inflict sentence without imprisonment, but I cannot under the law. I shall make the sentence as light as I possibly can. You, Mr. Briggs, are free to come and go as you please." The extreme penalty is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

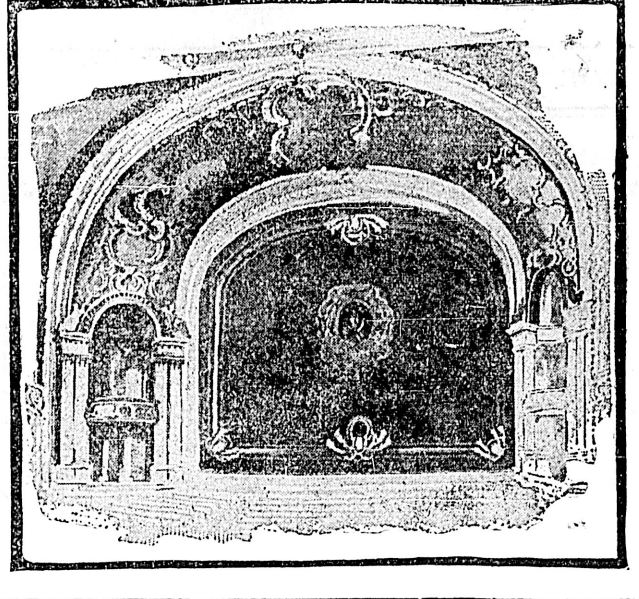
VIEWS OF THE BEAUTIFUL IROQUOIS THEATRE BEFORE THE FIRE.



THE FOYER BY COURTESY OF MEYER BROS.



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Slender Hope Still Remains

Absence of Meeting of Japanese Ministry May Mean Peace.

Russian Note Still Believed to Have Been Most Unsatisfactory.

London, Jan. 8.—Special cablegrams from Tokyo printed today agree in believing the Russian reply unsatisfactory. It appears that the note might have been still undelivered, as Baron De Rosen, the Russian minister, is suffering from an ear affection, and not Baron Komura, the Japanese foreign minister, visited the Russian legation to get it.

Slender hope is still drawn from the fact that no ministerial conference at Tokyo is fixed for today.

According to the Standard's Tokyo correspondent an increasing number of steamships are being requisitioned daily as transports. The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Tokyo reports, on the authority of the newspaper Chuo, that one Japanese had been murdered near Port Arthur, and that four others have been seriously injured, but no details are given.

The Daily Telegraph attaches considerable importance to the departure of M. Bezuboff, who was recently raised by the czar to a secretariatship of state, and who is a leader of the war party for the Riviera, and prints what it declares is an entirely reliable statement from a high Japanese official concerning the stories of M. Bezuboff's warlike inclinations.

The Daily Telegraph hopes, "whether it is real or diplomatic, M. Bezuboff's illness will prove the beginning of Russian wisdom."

Rome, Jan. 8.—The insurance of the Japanese cruisers Nisimi and Kasuga, which were bought from the Argentine government, has been completed, after considerable difficulty. The policies have been arranged so as to permit the cruisers to go by way of the Suez canal, and the route of Cape of Good Hope route, as the circumstances of the moment may indicate.

Vienna, Jan. 7.—A despatch from Fiume says that a Japanese officer has arrived there and approved the torpedo which were ordered from a Fiume factory for immediate shipment.

Rome, Jan. 7.—The presence of Admiral Mira, of the Japanese navy, and other Japanese officers in Italy is officially ignored by the government, as the navy or war offices, and as their presence has not been announced by the Japanese legation.

The government, however, is cognizant of the movements of the officers, and is aware that they are making contracts for the purchase of arms.

Port Arthur, Jan. 7.—Several warships left here at midnight for the purpose of meeting a Japanese squadron of four ironclads approaching Korea to stop six Japanese coal-laden ships from Japan destined for Port Arthur, and to cancel their charter to a Russian firm here.

Jake Baikail is frozen. There is a normal movement of troops in both directions on the railway.

Port Arthur defenses are completed, and the authorities are confident.

Brilliant Fete At Chatsworth

Duke of Devonshire Entertains King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

Pantomime Cast Includes Miss Muriel Wilson and Other Celebrities.

London, Jan. 7.—At Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire in Derbyshire, tonight a brilliant entertainment was given before King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Consuelo, Duchess of Manchester, who sat at the King's left, Premier Balfour and a large party.

Princess Henry of Prussia gave a musical monologue, and then came a miniature pantomime entitled "Cinderella," which was taken part in by Princess Henry of Prussia, Mrs. Willie James, Miss Muriel Wilson, Sir Hedworth Williamson and the author of the pantomime, Leo Trevor. Princess Henry and Miss Wilson played the Alzy sisters.

Finally Miss Wilson and Lady Maude Warrender joined in two musical sketches, "The Dancing Girl" and "The Idol." The entire performance was most laughable and enjoyable.

NEWS FROM HAWAII

Christian Endeavor President Arrives—Justice for Filipinos.

Honolulu, Jan. 7.—F. F. Clark, president of the Society of Christian Endeavor, has arrived here on the steamer Sierra on his tour of the world.

Sixto Lopez, the well-known Filipino, has sailed for Japan, via Manila, on the steamer Nippon Maru. In an interview before his departure he said that he believed that the Filipinos will ultimately get justice, but he was unable to say in what form.

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE NIGH PROVES FATAL

Negroes Stop Mine Fan and Workers Below Escape Almost Exhausted.

Fairmont, W. Va., Jan. 7.—Six negroes last night drove the engineer of one of the Fairmont Coal Company's shafts from his post of duty, locked him in a small office and then took charge of the machinery. They stopped the fan while twenty men were at work 800 feet underground. The engineer heard the fan stop and telephoned to an official to come to the shaft immediately.

On the official's arrival in the shaft he found the men had made their way through the gas to the mouth of the shaft almost exhausted. Two of the negroes have been captured.

HARRIMAN PRESIDENT

New York, Jan. 7.—E. H. Harriman was today elected president of the Union Pacific Railway Company.

PHILADELPHIA FIRE

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—The six-story building at Fifth and Oxford streets, occupied by Jas. H. Dillinger & Company, manufacturers of hobbins and stamper, was almost completely destroyed by fire today; loss \$50,000, partly insured.

HAPPENINGS AT NANAIMO CITY

Annual Meeting of Creamery Association to Disclose Fine Balance Sheet.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 7.—The announcement that the first annual meeting of the Nanaimo Creamery Company would be held February 12 brings to mind the fact that it is already a year since the project took material shape.

Nanaimo people sometimes ask what the Board of Trade is, but here at any rate is a thriving institution which owes its inception to that body, and not as might have been expected, to the farmers of the district.

Indeed the business men had much trouble in persuading the agriculturists that, with a government willing to loan money for the purpose at a low rate of interest, it was absolutely imprudent to allow such a chance to go by.

After some months' hard work, however, the farmers were brought into line, the local half of the money subscribed and about six months ago the creamery materialized. It began operations in September and has flourished ever since. It is understood that the directors will have a report in hand, to make to the shareholders.

The "week of prayer" is being observed here as elsewhere, and large congregations are the rule at the several churches. Last evening the Revs. J. M. Miller and J. A. Banton, two of Nanaimo's most eloquent clergies, preached at the Halliburton street church.

It is reported from Cumberland that Mrs. James Harvey is quite prostrated with grief at the loss of her little daughter, who died on Sunday. The greatest sympathy is felt for her and her husband, the death having occurred with awful suddenness, the child having been in the best of health on the morning of the day on which it died.

Cumberland Lodge, A. P. & A. M., has installed officers, as follows: W. M., J. Thompson; S. W., T. H. Carey; J. W., C. P. Vater; secretary, L. M. Mounce; treasurer, R. Edwards; L. C., H. Hudson; J. D., J. A. Staples; I. C., S. H. Riggs; stewards, B. R. Simpson and T. Hudson. At the close of the installation the retiring master, J. Baird, was presented with a handsome past master's jewel.

CHICAGO THEATRES TO BE REMODELLED

Council Take Sweeping Action to Prevent a Second Horror.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Sweeping action, making for safety in Chicago theatres, is to be taken by the council as a result of the work of the special ad-hoc committee for remodeling the city's building laws governing theatres. Among the improvements raised by the committee at the close of 24 deliberations tonight, were: Steel curtains, fireproof, to be hung in each proscenium arch; automatic sprinkling systems, iron stand pipes and hose reels on the stage, every aisle to lead to an exit, narrow aisle to be two feet three inches wide instead of two feet nine inches, as at present; seats to be at least two feet ten inches from back to back, instead of two feet two inches, as at present; no seat to have more than four seats between it and an aisle.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—C. S. M. Wothrich, treasurer of the Keystone Type Foundry, of this city, announced tonight that the strike inaugurated about October 1 by the union type foundry men, called on United States Secretary of State Hay today and told him the reports about the safety of the American legation in Bogota had been greatly exaggerated. Mr. Beaupre also said that, in his opinion, there was little danger of war on the isthmus.

SEEK ARBITRATION TREATY IN ENGLAND

Boston Chamber of Commerce Keep in Mind the Alaskan Award.

Boston, Jan. 7.—At a special meeting of the Boston Chamber of Commerce this afternoon resolutions were adopted favoring the negotiation of a treaty of arbitration between the United States and Great Britain. It is desired that all question except those relating to national honor and territorial jurisdiction shall be referred to the international tribunal at The Hague for final settlement.

The resolutions were adopted recommending that the acts of congress of 1903 requiring a duty of \$2 for immigrants be amended making the citizens of Newfoundland exempt from the tax, and that congress be petitioned to enact legislation directing the secretary of the United States treasury to continue to make a full rebate of duties on all coal imported into the United States.

COLOMBIAN ARMY GRADUALLY GATHERS

Twenty Thousand Men Already at Cartagena Prepared for Invasion.

Colon, Jan. 7.—The Royal Mail steamer Atrato, which arrived here from Sanavia and Cartagena reports that there is great military activity in both these towns and that large numbers of troops are being concentrated in Cartagena. Many of these troops arrived from the interior during the past fortnight.

The Colombian troops at Cartagena it is learned now number at least 20,000. Several Colombian vessels continue to convey troops to Tiumani as they come from the interior. The last detachment consisted of 300 men from Antioquia, most of these are volunteers.

The cruiser Cartagena is now undergoing repairs at Cartagena, but will soon be ready to resume the transportation of troops. The tug Nellie is busy all the time conveying troops towards the Darien district.

General Manuel M. Castro, commander-in-chief, accompanied by Generals J. C. Ramirez, Louis Gomez, Francisco Maria and Secretary Joaquin Albino, embarked on the Atrato at Sanavia and disembarked at Cartagena. It is said they are going to Tiumani. The war talk is unabated in Cartagena, and in certain quarters discontent is openly expressed with the diplomatic policy of General Reyes in Washington.

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NOMINATIONS FOR VANCOUVER COUNCIL

Many Names Placed Before the Citizens For Municipal Honors.

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—The following were nominated today: For alderman—Ward 1, A. A. Beattie, A. E. Garrett, Robert Grant; Ward 2, E. Cook, John Simpson, J. J. South, Scott, D. M. Stewart; Ward 3, C. H. Wilson, H. C. Dougherty, Professor Odium, T. H. Kirk, Ward 4, T. M. Barker, J. Macpherson, William Brown; Ward 5, Dr. Brydon-Jack, John Morton, W. H. Wood; Ward 6, L. D. Taylor, Wm. Hodson, T. C. Larney, Francis Williams, T. P. Richardson.

Five candidates nominated today were very numerous. No less than forty-seven will ask for votes next Tuesday. The nominations for mayor were: John J. Banfield, real estate agent; Dr. McQuigan, James McQueen, financial agent.

Gondo, the Japanese desperado, who murdered Kawazon, Christmas day, was located in Seattle by Vancouver and Seattle police. Gondo escaped down a fire ladder at a Japanese boarding house and again got away. Gondo turns out to be a desperate criminal, having spent most of his life in jail.

There is no indication of dropping off of the revenue the timber business as a result of the amendment of the Timber Act. It is reported that, for the half of the fiscal year, over \$175,000 have been collected in licenses and royalties. A casual computation of the expense required in collecting this sum shows that not over \$2,500 is disbursed by the government, or one and a half per cent. of the total sum. There are few big corporations that can show such results and have no bad debts.

If all industries were on the same basis as government revenue payers, the finances of the province might be in excellent shape.

CANCELS FREAK RECORDS

New York, Jan. 7.—Major P. P. Johnston, of Lexington, Ky., believes that various records of horses made the past season with the assistance of "wind shields," will be thrown out. Such horses as Major Delmar and Prince Alert are included in this category.

CHILE WANTS TO SELL HER NAVY

Battleships, Cruisers, Transports and Torpedo Boats Going Cheap.

Santiago De Chili, Jan. 7.—The government has asked congress to authorize the sale of the battleship Captain Pratt, the protected cruiser Chacabuco, the torpedo boats Almirante Condell and Almirante Lynch, and the transports Maipo, Acapulco, the latter belonging to the Compania Sud-Americana de Vapores, but subventioned and held at the disposal of the government, to serve as armed transports, and seven torpedo boat destroyers, the intention being to replace the vessels with a more uniform type. It has been reported that both Japan and Russia were negotiating for the vessels.

PREPARING FOR ELECTIONS

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Liberals of Alberta today nominated Norman McKenzie, of Macleod, as candidate for the Commons. Calgary Liberals nominated Dr. C. J. Stewart. Winnipeg Conservatives met at Yorkton January 22.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Washington, Jan. 7.—The House was in session but twelve minutes today. Mr. Hemenway obtained the unanimous consent that one hour be devoted to tomorrow's session to the consideration of a bill amending the act appropriating \$500,000 for the eradication of the foot and mouth disease among cattle, so as to make \$250,000 available to fight the Mexican boll weevil. The bill was favorably reported today.

JANUARY SALE OF Men's Shirts!



One of the main objects of this January Sale is to adjust stocks. That is why we're making this big event in Shirts for Saturday. We have too many on hand, and to have the Shirt stock nearer our liking we reduce the price on 94 of our \$1.00 to \$1.60 Colored Shirts to Sixty Cents each. This price takes effect at 8:30 o'clock on Saturday morning.

60c.

Men's Colored Shirts, suitable for business wear, in good up-to-date styles, with or without cuffs attached; broken range of sizes in each style, but all sizes from 14 1/2 to 17 1/2 in the lot to start with. Our regular selling prices are \$1.00 to \$1.60 each, with plenty of the latter price. While they last Saturday Your Choice for

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Men's Reversible Silk Neckwear, in Four-in-Hands, Derbys, String and Black Mourning Ties. Regular values 25c. to 40c. each. SATURDAY2 for 2c

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2 cases of consumption, besides any number of smaller cases. No sensation experienced during use. Call or enquire Mrs. Herbert Kent, 243 Yates street, or phone 1833.

NOTICE

Point Ellice Bridge will be closed to traffic on Friday, January 8th.
By Order
City Engineer.

3rd Annual Show

—OF THE—
Victoria Poultry & Pet Stock Association
Will be held in the Market Building
Jan. 3rd to 16th
Thoroughbred Poultry will be given away
Tombola Prizes every day.
Admission 25c.; children 10c.

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VICTORIA WEST.

The brief reference we made on Tuesday last to the situation in Victoria West has brought several communications from residents of that part of the city. One of the wealthiest districts of Victoria, it has not advanced as it should have done. There are several causes for this. The tedious dispute over the Craigflower road has been a great injury to the progress of the district. For years the controversy has been raging and it seems to be no nearer a settlement now than it was ten years ago. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works—or rather a succession of chief commissioners—has been appealed to and the archives of the department have been ransacked for evidence in support of one or other of the contending parties. Governments—especially at the advent of an election—have approached the subject with the hope of achieving a settlement that should please the residents and cause many a ballot to be marked in grateful recognition of the successful effort. But all in vain—the dispute over the Craigflower road appears to rival a chancery suit in its extraordinary vitality and the manner in which, one knot yet being untied, another presents itself. Yet we are told that if the matter were taken up earnestly, the dispute could be settled for a very moderate sum for damages and one of the most important sections of the city be relieved of a drawback that has seriously checked its progress for the past ten years.

Then there is that other still more hoary old chestnut—the Indian Reserve. As regularly as the legislative session came round, we looked for—and were not disappointed as long as Mr. H. D. Helmcken was in the House—a resolution asking that action be taken to remove the Indians from the reserve to a more suitable location and pledging the House to support such action. Then a debate followed—longer or shorter as the case might be—and the Attorney-General or some other legal gentleman would discourse earnestly and fluently on the respective rights, responsibilities and duties of the Dominion and Provincial governments in connection with the matter. There was no difference of opinion; all were agreed that the Indians should be transferred to another reserve to their own benefit and the great advantage of the city. But that was the end of it and then no more was heard about it until another session came round and the hardy annual appeared on the Notice Paper of the House once more.

Even its opponents admit that the present Government does not lack courage or determination and that it is dismayed neither by an Assessment Act nor a deficit bequeathed to it by extravagant predecessors. Surely then it can face with serenity these questions about the Craigflower road and the Indian Reserve and earn for itself something little less than immortal renown among the good but sorely tried people of Victoria West. And is it too much to hope that, inspired by such an example, the authorities responsible for the school in that district should also take heart of grace and erect a building suitable for the locality? Then, indeed, the cup of blessings of Victoria West would be full to overflowing and its progress would be measured by leaps and bounds.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND GREENLAND.

A few weeks ago it was announced in despatches from Ottawa that the Dominion Government was opening negotiations with a view to inducing Newfoundland to enter the Confederation and for the acquisition of Greenland. These reports aroused much interest throughout Canada and the completion of such negotiations on anything like fair and reasonable terms for Canada would meet with general approval. It now appears, however, as if these reports were premature, at least as regards any action by the Government, whatever its views or intentions may be. The reports being sent in press despatches to Europe, a leading newspaper in Copenhagen enquired of the Danish Government if negotiations in regard to Greenland were on foot and was informed that there have been no negotiations either verbal or written about the matter. It also seems to be doubtful if the Newfoundland Government has been approached. These reports appeared in a number of Liberal newspapers, and it would seem must have had some basis of fact for their circulation.

It may be that they were inspired from official quarters with a view of ascertaining what public opinion was in regard to such proposals. If that was the case, we think the Dominion Government will see that the bringing of Newfoundland and Greenland within the Confederation would be generally popular, provided the arrangement could be carried out on a fair basis. Regret has always been felt at the failure on two occasions of negotiations with Newfoundland and the course of events has justified those who criticized the refusal of what seemed liberal terms at that time to the Ancient Colony. Now considerably better terms would doubtless be demanded by the island. The Colony is much more prosperous than it was and has demonstrated that it can go on by itself. But that fact should be regarded as a reason for dealing generously with it, since it

would add to the strength of the Dominion instead of being a burden and source of weakness and expense. Besides circumstances have changed a good deal during the last few years and the people of Canada have had more than one instance of the danger the interests of their country may suffer by allowing things to drift.

Almost similar views may be taken of the desirability of acquiring Greenland. We do not know what Danish public sentiment would be about the matter. From what occurred in connection with the proposed sale of the Danish West Indian islands to the United States, it is apparent that there is not entire unanimity among the people of Denmark on the policy of disposing of their remaining colonial possessions. It is possible, however, that a different view might be taken in regard to Greenland than that which prevailed about the West Indian islands. In any case it could do no harm to sound the Danish Government and ascertain its views. One thing, at all events, should be done and that is to let it be understood that Canadians will view with much disapprobation any transfer of Greenland to any other country.

From a strategic point of view it would be most unsatisfactory if anything of the kind should occur, and whatever party happened to be in power at Ottawa when it took place would be severely criticized by the people if it should be shown that they had not made a strenuous effort to prevent it. It would be well to keep the matter before the public and to make the acquisition of Newfoundland and Greenland a live issue in current politics. That is the best way to secure action by the Government and the importance of the matter justifies vigorous efforts being made to achieve what is desired to round off the Dominion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

IRON AND BRIDGE WORKERS.

Sir,—An article appeared in your issue of the 5th inst., over the signature of H. J. Mitchell, who takes offence at my remarks about Point Ellice bridge, which appeared in your paper of December 31st. He seems to overlook the fact that I was not insinuating anything against the men employed on the bridge, but as I said before, the wiseness was in making these things the property of Victoria. I do not think Mr. Mitchell can stand prosperity, as the wages of Victoria must have turned his head. He wishes to have a talk with me to find out if I have any objection to his coming to a chance. He can find me any day between 12 noon and 1 p. m. in the yards of the B. C. M. R. Co., at Esquimalt. If that does not suit him, Local Lodge No. 294 of the Order of Bootmakers and Iron Shipbuilders of America meets next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp. I will certainly be there.

Hoping I have not taken too much of your valuable time and space.

T. A. McDOWELL.

THE Y. M. C. A.'S WORK.

Sir,—Allow me to address a few remarks to the members of the Y. M. C. A. and friends. Now that many of Rev. Guy Pearce's remarks are ringing in our ears with regard to practical Christianity, as a member of the Y. M. C. A., I desire to draw attention to the work of the association. During the past year many who have had themselves in the welfare of the young men of this city, have patiently been building up this work. From a handful the association during the year has grown above the four hundred mark, showing the opportunity we have of gathering in the youth and young men of our city within an institution that has for its object the good of the welfare of the young men of our city.

There is no particular class distinction in our midst, but simply the fact that the members shall give their language and actions as one becoming a person of good character. We may stand aloof and speak of past associations or faults to be found with the present organization, but that simply amounts to a depreciation of the value of the Y. M. C. A. What we all need and would rather appreciate, would be your co-operation and good will.

The programme and plans for the coming year will be to the members of the association, no doubt, of an interesting as well as a beneficial character. Let us, therefore, make extra effort and put more energy in the coming year, for the good of this association.

M. A. T.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 7th, 1904.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Sir,—If you and a "gift of the gab" to a slanting head, is one of the qualifications necessary to run for School Trustees, there is plenty of it shown in this year's running. It might do for Alderman, but when the position and deliberations of School Trustees are considered, and to think of possible governors (save the mark) of the Victoria College among the present combination, it is enough to make even the most experienced and prudent of education to a burlesque. It may be said the attitude of the labor candidates on certain questions are criticized as a means to an end. Far from it. It is the principle of "do as you would be done by." The dignity of labor is all right, even as a School Trustee. If a man's head is all right and he has a good opinion of himself, to say nothing of college education or even degrees. But to butt in indifferently is like the man who felt he was called by God to preach, but when told he was more cut out for a farm-hand as he did not wish to case the costs, would do against the formidable machine was a great achievement. It placed Ross on the to-bogean, and he has been sliding down ever since.—Hamilton Spectator.

H. H. B.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 7th, 1904.

PRESS COMMENT.

Centre Bruce, Muskoka and North Renfrew—these three—the greatest was Centre Bruce. The other two had been Tory pillars at different times. Centre Bruce never returned a Conservative until 1902, when Major Hugh Clark was elected by the slim majority of five. To hold the riding and increase his majority after the riding of the formidable machine was a great achievement. It placed Ross on the to-bogean, and he has been sliding down ever since.—Hamilton Spectator.

The exorbitant costs attendant on the collection by legal process of small debts have frequently been referred to in the press and sometimes in the legislature. A case in illustration is drawn attention to in the letter of Rev. Messrs. Wood and French, printed elsewhere. A man owed a tradesman a balance of \$5.27. He was sued and the costs added \$21 to the amount. He was sold out by the bailiff; the amount realized for his property was not sufficient to pay the costs. He is now without seizure property and is a more than usual one of a class. It suggests that there is room for improvement in the law or the practice, by which the law is enforced, in so far as it case the costs should not be a debtor.—Montreal Gazette.

The sobriety of all classes in Canada, the obvious sincerity of their religion and dignified tone of their principles were all worthy of regard. The delegates had no hesitation in saying that the eastern portion of Canada had an immense future before it. Its immense wealth of natural deposits necessary for industrial success, appeared to escape attention, owing to the notice of the public generally being more directed to the question of the tariff. The delegates of the Mother Country, however, did not overlook the development of immigration between England and their country.—Yorkshire Advertiser.

New Zealand, in giving what is humorously called a "preference" to British

goods, simply raises the duty against the foreigner and refuses to reduce one iota to the British manufacturer. The majority at present ruling in the Australian Commonwealth is alarmed at the prospect of having to admit him to Australian markets on any more favorable terms than at present.—Huddersfield Examiner.

The Grand Trunk Pacific (the N. T. R.) will be built from sea to sea within the time specified in the contract; and long before that time has elapsed the little Canadians, who are trying today to bury this wise and statesmanlike project, will be wearing sackcloth and ashes in penitence for their folly.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The intimation that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is preparing a manifesto on the trade question for use in the coming election is quite interesting, and, of course, there are those who will wonder what he is likely to say. Some people may remember that the right hon. gentleman has said a good many things already, and that while they are all contradictory, he has been quite as sincere in his advocacy of one policy as he has been in his equally enthusiastic and voluble championship of its opposite. His protection speech of last year, for instance, was a masterpiece of statesmanship, surpassed by those which he has delivered in behalf of free trade.—Exchange.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Some weeks ago the Winnipeg mine was found to be in deep water financially, as the Bank of Montreal insisted on the payment of a little note for some \$30,000 or more, with interest, etc. This resulted in the immediate closing of the property, and the quick filling of mechanics' and other liens for something over \$4,000. These matters all came up in court several days ago at Greenwood, and as no defence was entered, judgment was given with costs, the mechanics' liens to be, of course, preferred.—Phoenix Pioneer.

We have learned from excellent authority that the C. P. R. contemplate extending their Fernie yards during the coming summer. The extension will be made on the north end of the present yards, a large piece being added by straightening the main line. It is said that a mile and a half of new track will be added to the yards. The buildings will be rearranged to suit the new conditions and a large freight depot will be erected.—Fernie Press.

J. R. Martin, government timber inspector, has completed some interesting facts regarding the lumber industry of the Kootenays. He says: "The increase in the yearly cut has been very large over 1902, and will be still greater this year, as, pending the alterations referred to many of the plants had to close down during the year just closed. The total lumber production in Southern Kootenay and Southern Yukon for 1903 is estimated by an eminent authority at 160,000,000 feet, valued at \$1,635,000, the average value of the lumber being taken at \$15 per 1,000 feet.—Fernie Press.

The Rev. A. Stoney wishes to express his appreciation and gratitude to members of the Miners' Union and other friends who subscribed, unknown to him, the sum of money that was so graciously presented to him on Christmas eve.—Morrissey Despatch.

W. A. Connelly, one of the lessees of the Canadian King mine adjoining the American property at Esquimalt, came in yesterday with a carload of ore, or about 20 tons, consigned to the Hall Mines smelter. This is the seventh lot shipped by the lessees, some five cars going to the Trail smelter, and the rest coming here. The ore has chiefly gold values with a little silver, and goes about from \$50 to \$75 to the ton. Three men are at work and Mr. Connelly will return to the mine as soon as he gets the smelter figures. The owners of the property are the Canadian King Mining Company.—Nelson News.

Cabled reports of operations at the Ymir mine for November were: Ymir—The mine manager reports the return for November: 750 stamps ran 30 days and crushed 3,550 tons of ore, producing 987 ounces of bullion. The estimated realizable value (gross) of the product is \$10,250; 287 tons of concentrates shipped, gross estimated value \$8,500; cyanide plant treated 2,850 tons (2,000 pounds) of tailings, producing bullion having estimated gross value of \$2,250; sundry revenue, \$850—\$21,850. Working expenses, \$22,000. Loss, \$150. There has been expense during the month on development, \$2,500.—Rossland Miner.

MEN AND THINGS.

The Botanical mine in Cornwall runs for two-thirds of a mile out under the sea.

It is estimated that the output of whisky in Kentucky this season will be 25,000,000 gallons.

Columbia has great wealth lying untouched on her plains and in her forests and mountains.

In the city of Washington there are 13,000 Browns, 15,000 Smiths, 14,000 Johnsons and 1,000 Jones.

Panama ranks fifth in population and seventh in area among the states of the Colombian republic.

The English statute mile was first defined in the 35th year of Queen Elizabeth. Before that time it was put down at 5,000 feet.

It is safe to say that for every life that is saved through the curative effects of cod liver oil, another is lost in catching the fish.

No tree has ever been found larger than the Sicilian "chestnut of a hundred hours." It is no less than 304 feet in circumference.

Electric tramway cars in Rome are now fitted with postal boxes, the contents of which are collected every quarter of an hour.

In attending a Mexican theatre the admission is charged one act at a time; thus the rates are according to the number of acts in the play.

Over 10,000,000 pieces of mail matter, covering \$48,000 in money and \$1,493,000 in checks and drafts, reached the dead letter office in the United States during last year.

In Maine there are 16 tree factories that cut up enough white birch trees to make 300,000 spools of thread in a year, or a third of the thread used in the world.

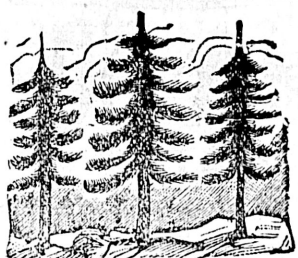
By a new Dutch process it is claimed that an inch of leather can be turned into leather ready for the saddler's and shoe-maker's use in from one to three days, while by following the usual method of preparation it takes about six months.

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You can't lose an atom without feeling it. The body is like an engine, a watch, a machine; must be kept in good order to run right. That's the reason Scott's Emulsion is so successful in all wasting diseases. It feeds, nourishes and strengthens when ordinary food won't.

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PRICE 25 CENTS.

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"Now, boys," said the teacher, "can you tell me what it is that follows the flag?"

"Mother—is his own cake finished?"

"Well, Tommy, what is it follows the flag?"

"An auction, ma'am."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Mother—Tommy, what's the matter with your little brother?"

"Tommy—He's crying because I'm eating my cake and won't give him any."

"Mother—is his own cake finished?"

"Tommy—Yes, in, and he cried while I was eating that, too."—New Yorker.

"We are all full here," said St. Peter to the man whose breath smelled of earthly things.

"Well," said the man, standing himself against the celestial gatepost, "this—this—this—this—I'm full, full, too, St. Peter, as—comfort."

"What are you going to give your husband for Christmas?"

"A box of his pocket chips," said young Mrs. Torkins, "so he can have all he wants without having to sit up all night trying to win them."—Washington Star.

"He said someone told him yesterday that he was the handsomest man in his family."

"That's a bad habit he's got."

"Talking to himself."—Philadelphia Press.

"Papa, what's the meaning of 'cognate'?"

"Look in the dictionary, child."

"I never can find anything in the dictionary. It hasn't got any index."—Chicago Tribune.

STARTLING REVELATIONS.

It frequently happens that people suffer for years from kidney derangements without knowing the cause of their suffering, suddenly the truth is revealed to them that they are the victims of serious kidney disease and in imminent danger. There is no medicine which gives such prompt and lasting relief for every form of kidney disease as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They are positively effective even in the most chronic cases.

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Genuine reductions throughout our Negligee Shirt Stock, that average 1-2 and 1-3. With stock-taking Jan. 27, broken sizes and small lots must be closed out, and here are low prices to do it.

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Friday the Great Bargain Day of the Week

Ladies' Flannelette Blouses

FRIDAY 25c. EACH.

Hosiery Sale

Plain Cashmere Hose, sizes 4 and 4-2. Regular price 25c., January Sale, 12 1-2c. pair.

50c. Hose for 35c.

Boy's Heavy Feet, Soft English Wool and Worsted Hose, wide ribbed. Regular price 50c., January Sale, 35c. pair.

Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose.

Regular price 50c., January Sale, two pair for 75c.

Ladies' 1-1, 2-1, 4-1 Ribbed Cashmere Hose, a mixed lot. Regular 50c., January Sale 35c. pair.

Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hose. January Sale 25c. pair.

Misses Coats in the Newest Styles

Price Reductions

\$17.50 Coats, Friday \$8.50
\$12.50 Coats, Friday 7.50
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Black, Navy and Mixed Tweed Costumes

ALL REDUCED
\$25.00 and \$30.00 Costumes for \$15.00.
48 pieces of French Flannels to choose from, Friday at 25c. a yard.
All- linen Table Cloths, two yards long, colored border, 50c. each.

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At 10c.—Buckles and Sets. Were 25c., 35c. and 50c.
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Collegiate School.—The headmaster of
Victoria Collegiate school announces that
he will be in attendance on Friday and
Saturday mornings to meet parents and
enroll new pupils.

Seattle Short of Coal.—It is reported
from Seattle that there is a scarcity of
coal in that city and dealers will meet
some time this week to formulate, if
possible, a plan for securing a sufficient
supply to meet the local demands.

Council of Women.—The adjourned
session of the Women's Council will be
held on Monday afternoon next at the
city hall at 2.30. It is expected that
all delegates who attended the session
of December 15th last will be present.

Flour May Advance.—Local dealers
say that the retail price of flour will
have to go up if the wholesalers main-
tain their determination to raise up
prices, and at present nothing seems
more likely.

Sailors Drilling.—Every morning de-
tachments of bluejackets are being
drilled on the Esquimalt. This morn-
ing a large force of marines
were drilled in infantry movements at
the Canteen parade grounds.

Poultry Show.—The third annual
show of the Victoria Poultry and Pet
Stock Association will be held in the
Market building January 13th to 16th
inclusive. Thoroughbred poultry will
be given away in tombola prizes every
day.

Takes Over Paper.—Dr. Wade, for-
merly of Victoria, who has been con-
ducting the Kamloops Sentinel for some
time in a very able manner, has ac-
quired the paper. The Sentinel was
formerly owned by F. J. Deane, of Chi-
cago Commission fame.

Died Yesterday.—Mrs. Johnson, aged
39 years, and a native of British Col-
umbia, died yesterday at the Royal Jubile-
e hospital. Her funeral takes place
this morning from the parlors of W. J.
Hanna to the Roman Catholic church
at 10 o'clock.

Business Still Good.—Contrary to the
usual experience the week following
the Christmas and New Year holidays
has been fairly brisk in city business
circles, and all the stores have received
a fairly liberal patronage. This is no
doubt, accounted for to some extent by
the fineness of the weather.

Week of Prayer.—The concluding
service of the week of prayer will be
held in the Congregational church at
8 p. m., Rev. Dr. Campbell in the
chair. Addresses will be given on the
progress and prospect of the church by
Rev. Bolton and Rev. Archibald Ewing.

Stationary Engineers.—At a meeting
of the Victoria Stationary Engineers
Association, held last evening, the fol-
lowing officers were elected for the en-
suing year: W. Ross, president;
M. Hutchison, vice president;
A. M. Hutchison, secretary; E. N. Jones, treas-
urer; T. Heuther, conductor.

A Night With Robin Hood.—Courts
Vancouver and Northern Light, A. O. F.,
will hold their annual Christmas tree
entertainment and social dance in the
A. O. U. W. hall this evening, com-
mencing at 7 o'clock sharp. All For-
eigners, their families and friends, are
invited to be present.

James Bay Flats.—It is anticipated
that the task of grappling with the
James Bay flats problem will be taken
up vigorously as soon as the new mayor
and council shall have taken their
seats. The candidates for the mayor-
ship have pledged themselves to an ac-
tive policy in this regard; and besides
there is the pressing necessity of ar-
ranging that the putting in the G. P. R.
hotel foundation should be expedited.

One More.—The many friends and ac-
quaintances of Mr. Robert Mowat, of
the firm of Mowat & Wallace, the popu-
lar Yates street grocers, will be pleased
to learn that at the urgent request of a
large number of voters he has con-
sented to become a candidate for school
trustee. Mr. Mowat is just the right
stature of a man to fill a position on the
school board, as his efforts as a member
of the "League of Commerce" should
be sufficient guarantee.

Benefit Concert.—Alfred Pent, who
through the kindness of friends was
sent to California to be treated for
rheumatism is progressing very satis-
factorily. His friends are anxious to
generously ill with pneumonia. A benefit
concert in Simpson's hall, Victoria
West, in their behalf has been
arranged for this evening, for
which an excellent and unique pro-
gramme has been prepared. It is hoped
that as many as possible will attend,
and thus assist in the good work that
is being done to help this deserving
family.

The War Scare.—There is much specu-
lation amongst local business men as
to what effect a war in the Far East
will have on the trade of this port.
Some shrewd observers point out that
the occurrence of hostilities will have
salutary bearing, arguing that Great
Britain will at once strengthen the gar-
rison here, bringing men from Halifax,
and also augment the squadron at Es-
quimalt, thus implying increased busi-
ness for Victoria merchants. Others
there are who say that foreign shipping
will be seriously discommodated, and that
for this reason war would have a de-
pressing effect.

Home Nursing Society.—At the meet-
ing of the Home Nursing Society held
yesterday, the name of Mr. Harold Rob-
ertson was added to the committee. A
letter was read from Dr. Egan telling
of a meeting to be held on January 20
to consider the question of the pre-
vention and cure of tuberculosis. Mrs.
Jenkins was appointed a delegate from
the Home Nursing Society to attend the
meeting. In the annual report the names
of Mrs. M. B. Smith and Mrs. H. E.
Young were gratefully mentioned from
the list of subscribers. The gift of a
baby buggy from Mrs. Green was thank-
fully acknowledged.

Physical Training.—Yesterday evening
at the drill hall class in physical train-
ing were formed by the following in-
structors, Charles Wrigleyworth, the noted
wrestler, who has held the local cham-
pionship for years, and who has
"downed" many a doughy knight of the
mat, will give instructions in the de-
partment of "Gymnastic" and a pupil of
Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, and one of
the cleverest boxers in the city, will
expound the art of self-defence. Mod-
ish, the club swinger, will undertake
the instruction of the men in that art,
which is so useful in developing the
soldierly biceps. Paul Beygran has
consented to take the classes in fencing,
and those who know the cleverness of
Mr. Beygran in this line will appreciate
the opportunity of securing in-
struction at his hands.

Going to California.—J. B. Holson,
manager and director of the Consoli-
dated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Com-
pany is to leave for California shortly
on a business visit. Mr. Holson's com-
pany propose to commence this season
the putting in of a system for the pro-
viding of a permanent water supply, in-
dependent of the old time hydraulic min-
ing dams which conserved the natural pre-
cipitation. This latter work will prove
the expenditure of about \$250,000. When
completed it will work radical
changes in the gold production of the
Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Mining
Company. Mr. Holson will leave for
Bullion earlier than usual this year in
order to superintend this work. He
will not, therefore, take up his resi-
dence at Gibsons, the beautiful home-
stead in this city, purchased by him last year.
A trip to California is to be made by
him and his family before he goes to
Cariboo in the spring so that his stay
in Victoria will be much shorter than
formerly.

Rev. Guy Pearce's Itinerary.—Rev.
Guy Pearce will travel to the Sound,
visiting Seattle and Tacoma. Portland
will also be included in his itinerary,
as well as San Francisco. It is not ex-
pected that Rev. Mr. Pearce will go
any farther south. The trip east will
be made from "Prisco." His tour of
the United States will probably occupy
about three months. The tour of Cana-
da was most successful. Rev. Mr.
Pearce set out with the intention of
raising in the neighborhood of £1,000 in
the Dominion for the assistance of the
work among the poor of London. When
he left Victoria he had succeeded in
securing the amount. On Friday last
Rev. Mr. Pearce delivered a lecture on
"The Old Folks at Home" at Dun-
cans before a large audience.

RISK'S SPECIAL RESERVE SCOTCH WHISKEY

A special vating of the cream of Old Highland whiskies.
Matured for many years in Sherry Wood before being
bottled.

Repairing the Flora.—Repairs on H.
M. S. Flora are being made rapidly. A
large amount of sheathing has been re-
moved, and her injuries can now be
easily seen. An additional force of
workmen will be taken on Monday
morning.

Grafton May Go.—It is rumored at
Esquimalt that instead of the Grafton
proceeding south her real destination is
the Far East, where she will strength-
en the British fleet stationed there; also
that the Sheerwater will return at once
to Esquimalt until the Flora is able to
leave the dock.

Dancers Made Merry.—A large num-
ber of dancers enjoyed the hospitality of
the Royal Engineers in Fives court at
Newark Point barracks last night,
when the R. G. Quadrille Club held a
pleasant dance. Another enjoyable
dance which took place last night was
the function given at Assembly hall by
the pupils of Mrs. Simpson and Mrs.
Dunsmuir's class. It was a pleasant
affair.

In Police Circles.—J. Hill, an old
soldier, was arrested yesterday afternoon
charged with being in possession of a
rug alleged to have been stolen from
the Ferguson Transfer Company. Mr.
Carroll, gatekeeper at the E. & N. Rail-
way bridge, who was charged by Mr.
Dumont, a naval man, with assault, was
discharged. Dumont had climbed over the
gates when closed and resisted when
Carroll sought to force him to climb
back again.

Sale Today.—W. T. Hardaker sells to-
day at 195 Cook street the Household
Effects of the late Joshua Davies. The
sale will commence at 1 o'clock p.m.

Annual Meeting.—The Victoria district
Farmers' Institute will hold its annual
meeting for the election of officers at the
Royal Oak schoolhouse on Friday, Janu-
ary 8 at 8 p.m.

Bowls for cup custards, Moulds for
jelly decorating, Pudding Moulds, Pat-
ting Bowls, Johnson's Hygienic Pie
Dishes, Pie Funnel and many other
useful articles at H. A. Brown & Co.'s,
80 Douglas street.

If one hour of your business
day is occupied by work which an
employee could do as well as you, the
hour is wasted—or ill-spent. Don't
you need more office or store
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A few choice ones left and they
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ALL GOODS WILL BE

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For the balance of this month only.

Stock consisting of Ladies' and Gents' Underwear,
Hosiery, Shirts, Collars, Umbrellas, Neck Ties,
Belts, Gloves, etc.

DRESS GOODS

Sheeting, Blankets, Curtains, Etc., Etc.

All Goods that were \$1.00 now 50c., 50c.
now 25c. 20c. now 10c., 10c. now 5c.

Call and Examine Goods and we will convince
you that we do as advertised. Remember the place

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SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR
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Ladies' Underwear

\$1.25 Health Vest for 90c
50c. Heavy Vest for 25c
60c. Heavy Vest for 35c
90c. Heavy Vest for 50c

Jackets

French Novelty Coats at
\$25.00 to \$40.00. Sale
Price \$15.00

Hosiery

35c. Boys' School Hose.
Sale Price.....20c
60c. Boys' Heavy Wool
Stockings. Sale Price 45c
Ladies' and Children's
equally reduced.

New Skirts

Reduced to \$2.75, \$3.50,
\$4.75 and \$5.50.

New and Modern Underskirts Reduced to \$1.75



On Time!

Punctual people must have good time-
keepers to enable them to keep their ap-
pointments. If yours are not giving satis-
faction let us see them and give you an
estimate of the cost of repairing them, and
guarantee to give satisfaction, and our
charges are very reasonable. If your
clocks are out of order we will send for
them and return them when repaired. If
you notify us that you wish to have them
attended to.

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Public Notice

On and after today, Monday, 4th January
Mrs. M. A. Farrington's Cut Flower
and Office, 104 Government street, will be
closed. All orders for Floral Designs, Cut
Flowers and Plants, will be promptly at-
tended to if left at Dist. H. Ross & Co.'s
Store, or at the Greenhouse, Esquimalt,
road (Fairview Nursery). Orders promptly
delivered to any part of city. Phone 210.

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For your Scotch friends New Year's
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Buns, Cream Rolls, etc. One of our
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We are having a clearance sale
of Golf Clubs, preparatory to tak-
ing stock, and offer any Club in our
store for

\$1.50

This is an opportunity that should
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Before 9 o'clock Thursday morning
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JAPANESE ARE LEAVING FOR HOME

Local Subjects of the Mikado
Preparing For Early
Departure.

Several prominent and well-known Japanese merchants of Victoria have wound up their affairs here, transmuting their capital to Yokohama and other Japanese centres through the local banks and are now waiting to return to Japan on the next Empress. Enquiry as to the cause invariably fails to provoke anything more than polite smiles and delicately vague and evasive replies.

The reference of even the humblest Japanese concerning the war leads to the surmise that a quiet hint has been given to all the Mikado's subjects abroad to preserve a discreet silence on the subject of the war. The Japanese are never at any time effusively communicative with foreigners, and they can affect an impassivity more baffling than even the childlike and bland "no say" of the Chinaman.

Whoever denominated the Japanese the French of the Orient must, on the one hand, have heard (and seen) a Parisian say: "Je ne suis qu'un, m'sieur," and on the other hand have received from a Japanese in reply to his interrogatories, "Sir, I am very sorry, but I do not know." Gail and Oriental thereby signify that "the incident is closed" so far as they are concerned, and only a bumpkin can fail to detect the finality in the tone of either, and also in the indescribable movement of the shoulders, the smoothing of the hands and the untranslatable look of the narrowed eyes.

So is of little avail to pester the captured Japanese with queries as to national troubles at home. And in this polite and smiling reticence of the Japanese abroad is reflected the diplomacy and statesmanship of the island empire; for he it remembered that although Yokohama, Tokio, Kobe, Nagasaki, and every other large seaport and city of Japan has one or more correspondent of the great European and American papers, it is simply asking how little has leaked out regarding Japan's preparations for the mighty struggle with Russia. What news has come out is of the most meagre and fragmentary character, in sharp contrast with the flood of information that comes from China, from the Balkans and even from Russia.

Unquestionably the European travellers who have commented upon the extraordinary cohesion of the Japanese in all national matters, their faithfulness to instructions, their passionate patriotism, which is of the stoniest kind, that makes a man believe that the lightest whisper to foreigners regarding his country's internal affairs is blackest treason worthy of shameful death, were correct in saying that foreign spies would have an impossible task in attempting to gain information as to that country's preparations.

So it is proving. The correspondents seek nothing, no foreigners seem to know anything about what is going on, and if anybody here will try by guile or politeness to find out from the local Japanese he will early discover that there are some things which even the Paul Pry powers of Sherlock Holmes himself.

For Creditors' Benefit.—Mr. George How, the manager of the B. C. Supply Company, has made an assignment to Messrs. Kelly, Douglas & Company, of Vancouver, for the benefit of his creditors. He claims that when he purchased controlling interest in the business he understood certain heavy liabilities would be met by the old management, which, however, was not done. The business is still running, and Mr. How says that all difficulties will shortly be satisfactorily settled.

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Engineers Now On Their Way Here

Bound From the Clyde to Engage on Transports Secured By Japan.

Lloyds Ask High War Risks—Pig-lead and Nitre Being Shipped.

The first expedition to come via Victoria on route to Japan on account of the probable war in the Far East is now on the way. Advice has been received that a party of marine engineers from the Clyde district, who, as recently reported, were engaged by the Japanese government to proceed immediately to Japan presumably for service on board transport ships, have been ordered to proceed to Victoria, where they will embark for the Orient.

Another draft of Scotch engineers left Gowan quay for Japan a week ago. The summons they received was so urgent that they left without having provided themselves with outfits.

According to advices received by underwriters Lloyds is very pessimistic regarding the situation.

The rate for war risks at Lloyd's is now higher than at any time during the present crisis. Forty guineas per cent for a three months' policy was received yesterday afternoon. The rate for a six months' policy is 50 per cent, and yesterday had business been done the rate would have been quite 60s. per cent.

The general feeling at Lloyd's is very pessimistic, and the best informed members are now taking a most serious view, their opinion being that war cannot be avoided.

Orders are being placed on the Pacific coast for supplies of pig lead and nitre, the former for bullets and the latter for powder, to be shipped to Japan at once.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer Siberia, which sailed from San Francisco for Chinese and Japanese ports carried a quantity of pig lead for Japan and about 20,000 sacks of nitre, to be for the manufacture of powder. The nitre is being sent on a rush order. It arrived at San Francisco on Thursday last on the British ship Edenmore from the Chile coast.

It is known that the Japanese government has had agents on this coast for some time past quietly getting information concerning the purchase and shipment of such supplies as may be needed in the event of war. One agent placed an order for 10,000 tons of hay for the army, and part of the order has already been shipped.

Options have been placed on additional quantities should they be required. Another Japanese agent closed a contract for 3,000,000 pounds of mess beef. The Japanese consul general at San Francisco has lately had many calls from business men seeking to enter into contracts for foodstuffs, but he informed all visitors he had no authority to make such purchases.

On the steamer Coptic, which calls next week from San Francisco for Nagasaki, will go ten carloads of beef for Russia. In the event of peace still prevailing when the Coptic reaches her destination the beef will be transhipped for Vladivostok. If war is declared the beef will be seized by Japan. The ship's officers have cleared their cargo with a war risk.

On the Siberia were two well-known correspondents, Percival Phillips, of the London Daily Express, and Capt. L. James of the London Times.

The Japanese consuls on this coast, as well as at New York and London, are daily receiving scores of letters from persons volunteering their services to Japan in the event of war.

In England retired naval and military officers and army men of all ranks, many of whom have served in the South African war, are eager to join in the fighting. If fighting there should be many surgeons and hospital nurses have volunteered to Viscount Hayashi, seeking to leave for Japan at once. The nurses include many who served in South Africa. Viscount Hayashi is unable to accept the offers made to him. The Japanese compulsory service and an up-to-date and well-organized (Red Cross Association) make voluntary workers unnecessary.

"It will not come," said a member of the legation, "but if it does we are thoroughly equipped at the outset."

Russia appears to be turning every available ounce of gold into coin, and has recently ordered a large supply of minting instruments from England, while Belgian firms are privately minting coin for the Russian government.

"It is estimated that the quantity purchased since September aggregates a quarter of a million tons. The cargoes shipped in October are expected to arrive at their destinations in the course of the next week or so. In view of the large orders from Russian agents, many English collieries are refusing to sell coal for export except at prohibitive prices.

Rumors are still current regarding efforts being made by Japan in the direction of raising a loan, but nothing definite is at present ascertainable. It is, however, certain that "feeders" have been thrown out both by Russia and Japan.

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NEW YORK EDITOR DEAD.

New York, Jan. 7.—Park Goodwin, editor of the New York Evening Post, and well known as editor and author of several books, died today aged 88 years.

LIFE INSURANCE CLAIMS.

Companies Propose to Deal Liberally With Losses Through Iniquitous Horror.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Life insurance companies which had policyholders that lost Vancouver, in the fire, are now in the settlement of the losses. Announcement is made by the managers of most of the high-class companies that there will be no quibbling over technicalities. Without exception the managers of the larger companies said that any reasonable proof of death and the receipt for the amount of the policy from the beneficiaries would be all that would be required. The precedent that will be followed by the substantial companies is the same as in the Galveston flood, where a coroner's verdict was required. Checks for the amounts of insurance carried by some victims have already been given to the beneficiaries.

DRILL HALL CONCERT.

Westminster vs. Victoria Young Ladies Basketball Tomorrow Evening.

The big attraction for tomorrow evening's programme concert at the Drill Hall is inter-city basketball, when the Young Ladies' Basketball Club of Westminster will meet the young lady players of Victoria in a much game. The Royal City team will arrive this evening, and will be the guests of the home club at the Hotel Verdon. Both teams have been practicing assiduously and a close and interesting game is to be rendered by the regimental band have been carefully selected and include many pleasing numbers, as may be seen from the following programme:

PART I.
Overture—"Sembrando"..... Rossini
Basketball..... Westminster vs. Victoria
Song for Cornet—"Ashore"..... Trotter
Soprano, W. V. North, Soloist.
Basketball..... Second Half

PART II.
March—"Chicago Tribune"..... Chambers
Selection E—"The Amerer"..... Horbert
Waltzes—"Visions of a Beautiful Woman"..... Fährbach
Two Steps—"Cool Cat"..... Derville
"God Save the King."

The teams are as follows:
Westminster—Miss E. Johnson and Miss S. Hafford, guards; Miss E. Pringle, centre; Miss G. Alcock, forward; Miss M. Hoffman, forwards; Miss E. Pringle and Miss M. Fraser, spars.
Victoria—Miss R. Mellon and Miss P. Mellon, guards; Miss Ida Catterall, centre; Miss E. Hosker and Miss M. Catterall, forwards; Miss S. Gonnason and Miss C. Hosker, spars.
Referee, Mr. D. O'Sullivan; umpire, Mr. C. W. Bates, of Westminster. The ball will be tossed by His Worship the Mayor at 8.45 o'clock.

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